

Comparison of Fees for Commercial Antenna Permits in Neighboring Jurisdictions

Alexandria does not charge a fee for administrative review and approval of commercial antenna installations at existing structures. For calendar year 2015, the City approved 30 antenna installations. Construction of new towers/monopoles would require a special use permit with a fee of \$575, but there have been no such applications in recent years. The table below shows that neighboring municipalities charge fees for their approvals of antenna installations. The more urban localities charge between \$1,871 and \$2,600 as their highest fee for installation approvals. The more suburban localities charge higher fees ranging from \$5,539 to \$16,375. These higher amounts are typically for freestanding tower/monopole installations.

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Municipalities with their review and fee structure based on antenna installations on existing buildings/structures (similar to most Alexandria installations)					
City of Falls Church	\$1,980	\$70	\$59,400	\$2,100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For new installations, a Special Use Permit is required. Fee \$1,980 for the SUP per building for new telecom equipment. There is no Administrative Approval Process If a building/facility already has a Special Use Permit, other telecommunication companies only have to file for a standard building permit to add their equipment to a facility. The fees for that can range from \$70.00 to \$100.00
Arlington	\$1,871	\$289	\$56,133	\$8,670	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some antennas are on approved site plan properties which means that the subject property had to meet the conditions for that site area/development. A Special Use Permit is required for all others A property where an antenna is integrated as part of a site plan or that already has an use permit will qualify for an administrative review with a fee of \$275 + a 5% Fee totaling \$288.75 For a property that does not have site plan with an integrated antenna installation included, an application for an Use Permit to the County Board is required with a fee of \$1,782 + a 5% Fee totaling \$1,871.10
District of Columbia	\$2,600	\$36	\$78,000	\$1,080	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office of Planning reviews applications Fees for Antennas are \$33 each plus a 10% "enhancement" fee for installations that meet specific criteria. Many commercial installations require approval by Board of Zoning Adjustment, and the fee is \$2,600.00.

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Municipalities that have a review and fee structure designed for freestanding tower or monopole installations (infrequent in Alexandria)					
Prince William County	\$6,323	NA	\$189,689	NA	<p>Telecommunication regulations apply predominantly to free-standing towers or monopole installations, which are infrequent in Alexandria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All telecom equipment must submit for a Public Facility Review o If the proposed telecom facility is taller than 50 feet, then it must apply for a Special Use Permit o The fee for telecommunications towers, Radio or TV Broadcasting Stations requiring an SUP: \$6,322.96
Fairfax County	\$16,375	NA	\$491,250	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Telecom equipment must submit for one of two reviews: 6409(a) review (For existing antennas) or 2332 review (for new, modified, or expanded antennas) o Most telecom equipment proceeding through a 2332 review that is not deemed “a feature shown” within the Comprehensive Plan requires a Special Use Permit to be approved by the Planning Commission. (Appealable to BOCS) o Special Use Permit fee: \$16,375 o Antennas on a site with a site plan can be an “Administrative Change,” which is any minor modification of an approved site plan or use
City of Fairfax	\$5,539	NA	\$166,163	NA	<p>Fees are in the Adopted 2017 budget, but these new regulations have not been codified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o This fee is for monopole (free-standing) installations, which are very infrequent in Alexandria. No fee structure was shown for on-building installations more common in Alexandria o Cellular monopoles require a Special Use Permit o Cost for SUP non-residential \$5,040.00 + \$498.75 each additional installation o Renewal/Conditional Amend. (other) \$1,050.00 o Newspaper re-advertisement (if additional hearing) \$420 or actual cost if greater o Property Owner- re-notification (if additional hearing) \$288.75